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1943	2.50	4.25	5.50
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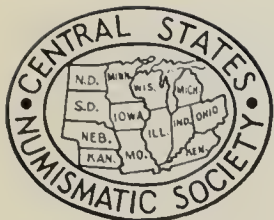
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All Systems Are 'Go' *For Peoria Convention*

The countdown has begun and all indicators say GO as the Peoria (Ill.) District Coin Club's convention committee begins the final stages of preparations for hosting the 34th annual Central States Numismatic Society convention. All convention facilities of the Peoria Hilton Hotel (formerly known as the Pere Marquette) have

been reserved for the three-day conclave, Friday through Sunday, May 4 - 6, 1973.

As *The Centinel* went to press during the last days of December, the convention's general chairman, Oliver Horton, reported that the bourse was virtually sold out to nearly 100 dealers
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Shouldering the responsibilities of the 1973 C.S.N.S. convention, to convene in Peoria, Ill., May 4-6, are (left to right) Terry Stauske, exhibit chairman; Ed Welsh, president of the Peoria District Coin Club and hotel liaison officer; Robert Whitmore, convention co-chairman; Billy Lamb, bourse co-chairman; and Oliver Horton, general show chairman. Absent from the picture is Forrest Curtis, bourse chairman.

PEORIA CONCLAVE —

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representing 25 states and two continents who have indicated their plans to attend. Another 40-plus dealers-members of the Professional Numismatists Guild (P.N.G.) will be present for "PNG Day," Thursday, May 3, immediately preceding the regular convention.

"Every segment of the hobby will be represented at the Peoria convention," according to Horton. "So if you are looking for that hard to find item — be it coin, token, currency or some odd-ball type of barter item, you should have no problem finding it here!"

The three-day convention will officially get underway Friday morning with a ribbon cutting ceremony, with city dignitaries attending.

RARCOA of Chicago, the official numismatic auctioneers for C.S.N.S., has promised another top-notch auction sale with sessions planned for Friday evening and Saturday afternoon. Auction catalogs will be ready for distribution well in advance of the convention for the convenience of mail bidders. Interested bidders are encouraged to contact RARCOA at 31 No. Clark Street, Chicago, Ill. 60602.

While the bourse and auction naturally are receiving prime consideration of the Peoria show planners, so is the exhibits portion of the convention. Exhibit chairman Terry Stauske has put out the call to anyone wishing to enter the exhibit competition — either competitively or non-competitively — to contact him. He is most anxious to hear from exhibitors who may not be on his mailing list. Categories and rules will be similar to those followed at the 1972 Milwaukee convention.

Numerous are the highlights and sidelights being planned for the attending conventioners.

For those persons wishing to see

Peoria and the surrounding scenic areas, Carl Fidler is arranging a series of guided tours. Details of these and other highlights will be covered more fully in the April issue of *The Centinel*.

Saturday, without a doubt, promises to be the busiest day of the entire show. Included in the day's activities will be the annual membership meeting of the Society, and educational forum and, that evening, the annual awards banquet preceded by a "Dutch treat" cocktail hour.

A hospitality room will be open throughout the convention for the convenience of holders of official convention badges, and meeting rooms facilities will be provided for all splinter groups desiring to hold private meetings in conjunction with the convention. Such groups are urged to contact the general chairman well in advance and should state their preferred and alternate meeting times.

In addition to Oliver Horton, general chairman, the various other committees are headed by: Robert Whitmore, convention co-chairman; Forrest Curtis and Billy Lamb, bourse; Terry Stauski, exhibits, Ed Welsh, Peoria District Coin Club president and hotel liaison officer; Mrs. Virginia Baker, publicity; and Carl Fidler, tours.

All correspondence pertaining to the convention should be addressed: C.S.N.S. Convention, P.O. Box 995, Peoria, Ill. 61601.

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Tombac nickels were struck in Canada in 1942-43 and were 88% copper and 12% zinc. They were distinguished from the bronze cent by being 12-sided.

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The combined floor space of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, Washington, D.C., is approximately 25 acres!

PRESIDENTIAL

COMMENTARY

As we start into 1973 I would like to wish all of you, our members, a very prosperous New Year, and I sincerely hope that this will be another year of continued growth for Central States.

I feel that 1972 has been good both to the hobby and to Central States, and I see no reason why 1973 should not be even better.

As we look back over 1972, memories of our great Milwaukee convention still linger in my mind. Once again I wish to congratulate Del Bertschy and his Committee for the fine job they did. I would also like to thank Oliver Horton, Bob Whitmore and the Peoria District Coin Club for laying the ground work for what appears will be another standout C.S.N.S. convention, to be held in Peoria, Ill., this coming May 4-6. I hope you are all planning on attending, as I am confident that it will be another memorable affair. Where else can one have as much enjoyment in such a few short days at our C.S.N.S. conventions?

The many coin shows I attended during the past year were all well attended and dealers were doing a nice business. The heartening thing I noticed most in my journeys was the number of young people in attendance at the shows. I always make a point to try and help as many of the youngsters as I can. I feel this is the future growth of the hobby and if one can guide some of them through the pitfalls that we older collectors went through, it will make it an easier job and add more to the youth, which in turn will make true collectors out of

some who perhaps might be misguided and lose interest in our hobby. I sincerely hope that we older numismatists will take the time to go out



David L. Cooper

of our way to lend a helping hand to those who are not as well versed as some of us are.

As many of you know, Dan Parker of Detroit, is working on the Young Numismatist Program for our Society, and we hope to be able to announce his plans at the Peoria convention. (That's just one more reason why you should attend!)

So until May 4th in Peoria, I would like to leave you with this thought: "One only gets out of an organization what he puts in."

What have YOU "put in" to the hobby and into Central States lately?

—DAVID L. COOPER, President

A MESSAGE FROM THE

SECRETARY

The Secretary and Editor have resolved to combine their efforts to get better delivery to you of **The Centinel**. Hopefully we have ironed out the problems of delivery which have plagued our publication for a long time.

Your Officers and Governors had a fruitful meeting at Decatur, Ill., on October 1. Reports from the '72 Milwaukee convention showed that we gained many new members (see the listing of new member applications in the July issue of **The Centinel**) and a few dollars for the Society's treasury. (A complete financial report of the convention appeared in the October issue.)

By now everyone should be plan-

ning for the '73 Peoria convention. That's only a couple of months away! With this issue of **The Centinel** I am enclosing a hotel reservation card. Use it NOW while you are thinking of it to assure yourself of desired accommodations.

We are going to Cleveland in 1976, and I for one would like to see a convention sponsored by the Omaha group, although a repeat at Milwaukee would be grand! There was some interest in going to Omaha in 1975 or back to Milwaukee either in 1975 or 1977. If the members are inclined either way, please write to me or to any of the Officers or Governors.

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS

The persons named below have applied for membership in the Society. Each applicant will become a member in 30 days, unless a written objection to his application is received by the Secretary-Treasurer prior to that date.

NEW MEMBERS SINCE THE OCTOBER, 1972, ISSUE OF THE CENTINEL

2426	Harry Gordon	Beverly Hills, Calif.
2427	Carl D. Capo	Kansas City, Mo.
2428	Clarence W. Peters	Arcanum, Ohio
2429	Robert Karler	Albuquerque, N. M.
2430	William L. Hanits	El Paso, Tex.
2431	George D. Barnbaum	Albuquerque, N. M.
2432	Charles W. Boner	Peoria, Ill.
2433	Fred Malone	Beverly Hills, Calif.
2434	Marion Davis	Easley, S. C.
2435	Richard Groves	Hampshire, Ill.
2436	Richard A. Nelson	Santa Monica, Calif.
2437	Mrs. Thelma Henderson	Milwaukee, Wis.
2438	Charles Byers	Pasadena, Calif.

Have

YOU

Heard?

A father and son battled it out for honors at the recent Illinois State

show held in Decatur, and would you believe that, in the end, the boy won! Jack Huggins, Sr., exhibiting some of his finest gold, had to bow to Jack Huggins, Jr., who with his Junior exhibit, out scored his dad by a whopping three points — and walked away with best-of-show honors!

First place winners, pictured below, were (left to right): H. Lincoln Vehmeyer, U.S. coins; Jack Huggins, Sr. and Jr.; and John J. Tilton, foreign coins.

Well over 100 collectors and dealers were in attendance at the Sunday awards breakfast to witness the presentations and to hear addresses by A.N.A. President John J. Pittman, Publisher Chester L. Krause, A.N.A. Governor Glenn Smedley, and others.

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ATTENTION

Here are the dates and locations of future C.S.N.S. Conventions:

May 4- 6, 1973Peoria, Illinois

May 9-12, 1974Detroit, Michigan

Dates to be announced, 1976Cleveland, Ohio

Invitations for future conventions must be submitted in writing to the Secretary-Treasurer.

The USA Once Minted



It was General Ulysses Simpson Grant who had preached the slogan, "Let us have peace." It was at the end of World War I, which had been started in order to end all wars, that the United States President said resulted in a peace without victory, that the peace idea came up again.

On the other hand, there were many public spirited citizens in the United States who thought differently. Many believed that peace is usually only the shortest distance between two wars. Others had little confidence in foreign affairs and maintained that peace, as a rule, was only a period of cheating

between two stages of fighting. Some groups even clung to the ancient Roman view, "Sivis pacem, para bellum," which meant, "If you wish for peace, be prepared for war."

Then there was Mr. Jeremiah, a Hebrew seer, who lived 600 B.C., who was considered to be the greatest prophet of his time when the Jews were most unhappy. Many times Jeremiah has been quoted as saying "Peace, peace, but there is no peace." Maybe he was right.

However, it was in fact the coin hobbyists who initiated the idea of making a peace memento. These coin hobbyists were members of the American Numismatic Association and it was in 1920, at a convention session of that association, held in Chicago, that a resolution was passed to interest the U. S. government in minting a silver half dollar to commemorate world peace. This was a new and strange idea. Even the Vatican, which had minted coins for many years, had never dedicated a coin to the cause of peace, even though there had been many so-called religious wars.

The proposed American peace coin was to commemorate the victorious close of World War I, even though so



Peace Dollar



— by *Arthur F. Giere*



many people believed peace was merely incidental. It was the first time that the United States had decided to mint a coin proclaiming peace.

Before the peace coin was made, all the coinages in the United States had been proposed by politicians. But this time, the politicians were not interested. Indeed, Congress showed very little interest in this proposal and it never did authorize the coinage, but the U.S. Mint produced the coin under the terms of the Pittman Coin Act of 1918.

However, the half dollar was never used because coin experts said that it was much easier to effect a brilliant art job on a coin larger than the half dollar. So the denomination selected was the silver dollar.

When the coin was distributed, many Americans were disappointed. President Harding, however, praised the coin.

Here was a coin dedicated to peace which really started a storm which did not do much to promote peace. Some even complained that the coins did not stack well, and that was true for the ones minted the first year.

The obverse of the peace dollar contained the legend, "In God We Trust,"

and had a portrait facing left and the word "Liberty," in addition to the date. The reverse had the inscription, "E Pluribus Unum," which means "Many joined into one." There was also an eagle, facing right, and the statement, "United States of America," and the words "One Dollar" and "Peace," together with the mint mark placed above the eagle tail feathers.

The radiate eagle was an ancient Greek devise much used by the Greeks to mark religious symbols associated with Jupiter.

Anthony de Francisci, a very well known medal artist, designed this beautiful silver dollar. His initials appear on the obverse of the coin, under the neck of the portrait.

Peace dollars were minted during the years 1921 through 1928 and 1934 and 1935. The total mintage for the ten years of production was 190,577,279 pieces which was, indeed, more than one coin for each U. S. inhabitant. Production took place at three U. S. mints — Philadelphia, Denver and San Francisco. It has been said that some specimens have been sold for as much as \$240. each.

And we are still hoping for peace!

HAVE YOU HEARD? —

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Dealers reported doing a moderately brisk business at the two-day affair hosted at Decatur's Holiday Inn by the Soy City Coin Club.

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Friends of George Hatie, immediate past president of Central States, will be interested to know that an official Token and Medal Society (TAMS) medal has been released commemorating Hatie's term as president of TAMS. A bold, high-relief profile of Hatie occupies the obverse, with the official TAMS emblem appearing on the reverse. Modelled by Don Dow, the medal was executed by the Medallie Art Co. of Danbury, Conn. Information on the availability of bronze or silver specimens is available from Cliff Mishler, Box 316, Iola, Wis. 54945.

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Dealer-member Aubrey Bebee of Omaha has released his latest price lists covering choice world crowns, world proof sets, and nice Canadian and Israel specials. An interesting offering of King Edward VIII material is also covered in the lists available, free for the asking, from Bebee's, 4514 No. 30th St., Omaha, Nebr. 68111.

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Although this issue carries some of the advance news of the 1973 Peoria

convention, watch for the next one to bring you the complete run-down on the coming show. Oliver Horton, the convention's general chairman, has promised to keep us abreast of the latest happenings in Peoria where he and his able crew have been moving along under a full head of steam for many months. From all indica-

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About the next Centinel: the April issue, the last one to be published immediately prior to the convention, will be a somewhat larger and expanded issue. Several hundred additional copies are planned for distribution at the

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at the '73 Peoria
convention!**

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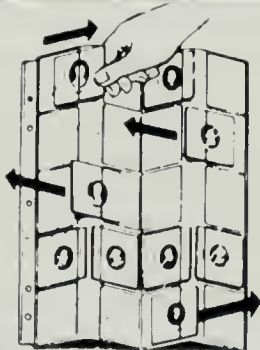
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With hundreds of extra collectors reading the convention issue of **The Centinel**, the next one will be "the" issue for inclusion of your special message. And the wider distribution means untold added value for your advertising dollar! Advertising rates for this big issue are: 1/8-page \$3.00; 1/4-page \$6.00; 1/2-page \$12.00; and full page \$24.00. Just remember the March 1 deadline.

From all of us who are connected with **The Centinel** — your Officers and Governors of the Society, your Publisher Lee Hewitt, and your Editor, may we extend our belated best wishes for the New Year.

— ROLLIE FINNER,
Editor

SECRETARY'S MESSAGE—

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Clubs should be thinking also about Kansas City, Cincinnati and Louisville for the future. Remember, too, that Kentucky is a part of our Central State area, and we should hear from this state in the future.

To all of you: my very best wishes for the New Year.

— F. S. EPPS, Secretary-Treasurer

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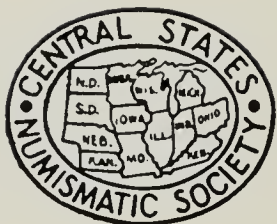
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